

# WOODZELL FAMILY RECORD

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Sarah Woodzell	Born June 24th, 1827, died March 29th, 1826
Ann Woodzell	Born September 17th, 1828
John Woodzell	Born November 30th, 1830, Lost May 30th, 1864
William Woodzell	Born March 2nd, 1833
Elizabeth Woodzell	Born February 25th, 1835
James Woodzell	Born February 19th, 1837
Benjamin Woodzell	Born March 5th, 1839
George Woodzell	Born September 10th, 1842
Daniel Woodzell	Born July 1st, 1846

William F. Strong	Born December 10th, 1803
Julia Risk Strong	Born May 11th, 1811
Diana F. Strong	Born February 18th, 1836
Christia A. Strong	Born November 29th, 1837
Jane K. Strong	Born May 9th, 1839
A son who died with out name	Born May 29th, 1841
Esther A. Strong	Born May 22nd, 1842
Mary A. Strong	Born June 22nd, 1844
Roxey A. Strong	Born May 26th, 1846

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Stephen Risk Woodzell	Born July 23rd, 1865
John J. Woodzell	Born February 13th, 1868
Cherry Woodzell	Born May 16th, 1870
Homer A. Woodzell	Born March 20th, 1873
Lenard W. Woodzell	Born September 3rd, 1876
Edward A. Woodzell	Born July 24th, 1878
Charles Woodzell	Born May 5th, 1883
Grover M. Woodzell	Born August 29th, 1888

Esther A. Woodzell died July 28th, 1891

James Woodzell and Denize Morris were married April 13th, 1892.

Clara Bell Henry Born June 29th, 1863, died November 21st, 1906

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Children:

Henry Harman

John Stephen

Edward

Pocahontas County, Virginia  
(Now West Virginia)  
Marriage Bonds 1822-1852 and Minister's Returns 1822-1871

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- 6 Feb 1826 Bond: James Wanless & Elizabeth Sharp. Surety, James Wanless & William Sharp. John Sharp, Sr. consents for daughter. Teste, John Sharp & William Sharp.
- 8 Feb 1826 Return: James Wanless & Elizabeth Sharp by Harvey Sawyers.
- 4 Jan 1827 Bond: Ralph Wanless & Anne Poage. Surety, Ralph Wanless & George Poage.
- \_\_\_Jan 1827 Return: Ralph Wanless & Anne Poage by John Hawes.
- 1 Jul 1828 Bond: John Wanless & Elizabeth Bridger. Surety, John Wanless & James Briders.
- 3 Jul 1828 Return: John Wanless & Elizabeth Bridgers by Benjamin Tallman.
- 22 Jun 1830 Bond: Stephen Wanless & Mary P. C. Sharp. Surety, Stephen Wanless & William Sharp.
- 24 Jun 1830 Return: Stephen Wanless & Mary P. C. Sharp by Benjamin Tallman.
- 5 Nov 1832 Bond: Henry Nottingham & Martha Wanless. Surety, Henry Tallman & William Wanless.
- 8 Nov 1832 Return: Henry Nottingham & Martha Wanless by John L. Blain.
- 8 Feb 1836 Bond: <sup>L</sup>Seven Wanless & Nancy Dilly. Surety, <sup>L</sup>Seven Wanless & Henry Dilley
- 12 Mar 1839 Bond: William Cassell & Matilda Wanless. Surety, William Cassell & William Wanless.
- 30 May 1840 Bond: Andrew Wanless & Margaret Potts. Surety, Andrew Wanless & John (x) Potts.
- 4 Jun 1840 Return: Andrew Wanless & Margaret Potts by James Wanless.
- 27 May 1843 Bond: John W. Logan, of Randolph Co., & Rachel Wanless. Surety, John W. Logan & Andrew Wanless. William Wanless consents for daughter. Teste, Andrew Wanless & Nelson Wanless.
- 4 Jun 1843 Register: John Logan & Rachel Wanless by Benjamin Tallman.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE?  
No record of return -

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13112 Preston William Hank Wooddell (Joseph, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas), born 15 Aug 1832, Pocahontas Co., VA(WV), died 8 Nov 1864, Martinsburg, VA(WV). Burial site unknown. Married 16 Sep 1852, Pocahontas Co., VA(WV), Harriet Rhodes Adkison, born 1828, died 16 Dec 1862 (Family source)/23 Jan 1863 (Grave marker), daughter of Abel Adkison. Harriet was buried in a small family plot on the South Fork of Deer Creek (Rosin Run), Pocahontas Co., WV. This small cemetery was desecrated by timber logging operations and only four native stone grave markers are intact. A letter from Preston to his mother and step-father, dated 17 Jan 1863, makes two separate inquiries about the health of his children but does not mention his wife, which points to the possibility/probability that Harriet did indeed die on 16 Dec 1862 and the children were in the care of their paternal grandmother on 17 Jan 1863. The hand chiseled inscription on her native stone marker lists the date of death 23 Jan 1863.

Preston, a house-joiner and farmer, enlisted in Co. F, 19th Virginia Cavalry, CSA, at Hillsboro, Pocahontas county, on 1 Apr 1863 according to official records; however, the letter referenced above, dated 17 Jan 1863, indicated he was already a member of the Confederate forces at Hillsboro. His military record in the Virginia State Archives lists the following:

P. W. H. Wooddell, 4th Corporal, Co. F, 19th VA Cav. Enlisted 1 Apr 1863, Hillsboro, VA(WV) by Col. W. L. Jackson. Term, 3 years.

Muster, dated 29 Feb 1864 - Last paid by Capt. Locke on 1 Dec 1863.

Muster, dated 31 Oct 1864 - Wounded and captured 22 Sep 1864.

Admitted to Sheridan D. Hospital, Winchester, VA from field on 24 Sep 1864.

Diagnosis: Very serious thigh wound.

Transferred to General Hospital, Martinsburg, VA(WV), 12 Oct 1864. Admitted, 19 Oct 1864.

Wound: Compound common fracture of thigh, upper third.

Operation: Amputation of upper third, thigh, circular operation.

Result: Died 8 Nov 1864; exhaustion. Age 25.

Surgeon: W. S. Love, Provisional Army, Confederate States.

A letter from a comrade-in-arms, Matthew John McNeel, written 6 Jan 1937 to Preston's youngest child, George Preston Davis Wooddell, follows. Some of Mr. McNeel's recollections were not exactly correct. It is understandable that his comrades thought Preston had died on the battlefield.

"My Dear George and Elizabeth,

Uncle John rode over on horse back one day last week. We got our heads together and wrote up the enclosed paper in behalf of your father's memory . . .

Preston Wooddell, Sr. was a Civil War soldier and belonged to the 19th VA Cavalry. The officers of this Regiment were General Jubal Early and Col. W. T. Thompson who commanded the Regiment. Capt. William L. McNeel, 1st Lt. George W. Siple, 2nd Lt. Woods Price and 3rd Lt. John J. Beard. Preston Wooddell was killed at Fisher's Hill, VA on Sept. the 19th, 1864. So far as is known he died on the battlefield and was buried there. He was an honest man, a fine citizen, and a brave and fearless soldier. His comrades, Bill Sheets, the Hartman boys, the Hull boys, etc. were a gallant band of men and belonged to the "Wild Cat" men. The Battle of Winchester, VA lasted all day. As the soldiers fell back towards Fisher's Hill, they were given mattocks and shovels to throw up breastworks. We worked all night to be ready for the enemy the next morning - and but for some desultory shelling - back and forth - on the morning of the 19th, the real battle did not begin until late in the day and continued until sundown. We were ordered to go "double quick" to the help of our men on the left as the enemy had captured our breastworks. Reinforcements of fresh troops were rushed in so rapidly by the enemy that we had no time for order or adjustment. Our men were weary to the point of exhaustion. They were not commanded to fire - but Preston thought they had been and when he

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fired at the enemy that attracted their attention when they sent a fusillade of bullets wounding him through the hip. He fell mortally hurt. Joe Hull, William Payne, Preston Wooddell, and myself met for the last time on the morning of the day that he lost his life.

(Signed) MATTHEW JOHN MCNEEL"

Preston acquired two 100 acre tracts of land in the 1850's, located on the South Fork of Deer Creek (Rosin Run), both of which were sold by the Administrator of his estate to Claiborne Ashford. Preston's heirs were assigned Lot # 1 (73 acres) in the partition of the 610 acre tract deeded to the heirs of Preston's father by Jacob Bible. On 1 May 1888, this lot was sold by the heirs to B. F. E. Wooddell.

Preston and Harriet were the parents of six children, all of whom were born on the South Fork of Deer Creek (Rosin Run).

\*131121 Delilah Elizabeth Wooddell, born 6 Jan 1854.

\*131122 Madora Frances Wooddell, born 6 Nov 1855, died 11 Apr 1932.

131123 Joseph Reece Wooddell, twin, born 8 Apr 1858, Pocahontas Co., VA(WV), died 17 Jan 1863, Pocahontas Co., VA(WV). Buried in the family plot on the South Fork of Deer Creek (Rosin Run), Pocahontas Co., WV. The hand chiseled inscription on his native stone grave marker has the death date as indicated above. Some family records list the death date as "17 Jan 1865".

\*131124 Albert Smith Wooddell, twin, born 8 Apr 1858.

131125 Oscar Brison Wooddell, born 1 Apr 1860, Pocahontas Co., VA(WV), died 7 Nov 1863, Pocahontas Co., WV. Buried in the family plot on the South Fork of Deer Creek (Rosin Run), Pocahontas Co., WV. The listed birth date is from the Pocahontas County Birth Register and the death date from his hand chiseled native stone grave marker. Some family records indicate: Birth, 11 Apr 1860; death, 11 Nov 1862.

\*131126 George Preston Davis Wooddell, born 12 May 1862, died 20 Nov 1951.

131121 Delilah Elizabeth Wooddell (Preston, Joseph, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas), born 6 Jan 1854, Pocahontas Co., VA(WV). Married (1) 6 Jul 1872, Upshur Co., WV, George S. Riffle, widower, born 1815, Randolph Co., VA(WV), son of George and Susanna Riffle. Delilah E. lived with her grandmother, Delilah Wooddell Pugh until the latter died in 1870. On 11 Nov 1870, she was placed under the guardianship of William J. Wooddell, but migrated to Upshur Co., WV soon afterwards to live with her Aunt Mary Blake Wooddell Knapp. Delilah and George were the parents of two known children. Delilah married (2) 23 Dec 1885, Upshur Co., WV, Perry H. Johnston, widower, age 56, born in Lewis Co., VA(WV), son of Richard and Elizabeth Johnston.

\*1311211 Penelope A. Riffle, born Circa 1874.

\*1311212 Mary B. Riffle, born Circa 1879.

1311211 Penelope A. Riffle (Delilah, Preston, Joseph, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas), born Circa 1874, Upshur Co., WV. Married 2 Aug 1892, Upshur Co., WV, Rudolph Burkley, age 29, born Germany, son of Adolph and Josaphine Burkley.

1311212 Mary B. Riffle (Delilah, Preston, Joseph, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas), born Circa 1879, Upshur Co., WV. Married 10 Jun 1895, Upshur Co., WV, Fred Heiser, age 23, born Germany, son of John and Mary Heiser.

131122 Madora Frances Wooddell (Preston, Joseph, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas), born 6 Nov 1855, Pocahontas Co., VA(WV), died 11 Apr 1932, Pocahontas Co., WV. Buried Dunmore Cemetery, Dunmore, Pocahontas Co., WV. Married (1) 11 Jun 1872, Pocahontas Co., WV, Charles Lowe, physician, born 1844, in Ireland, died by gunshot 1 Jan 1874, Pocahontas Co., WV, son of Edward and Julia Lowe. Charles was shot by his brother-in-law, Albert S. Wooddell, a minor. Madora was enumerated in the